GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Mines & Geology Department - Allegation of corruption against Accused Officer Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar, S/o Surya Rao, Surveyor, O/o the Asst. Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam - Trapped on 23.02.2018 - Sanction of Prosecution under the prevention of corruption Act, 1988 - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.27 Date:22/05/2020

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, Anticorruption Bureau, A.P.Vijayawada, Rc.No.32/RCT-WVP/2018-S.11,Dated:19.03.2018.
2. Memo.No.1586/Vig/A1/2018 I&C(Vigil) dept Dt:23.09.2019.
3. From the Director General, Anticorruption Bureau, A.P. Vijayawada,Rc.No.32/RCT-WVP/2018-S.11, Dated:31.10.2019
4. Memo No. 1586/Vig.A1/2018 Ind. & Com(Vigil) Dept. Dt.03.01.2020.
5. Memo No. 1586/Vig.A1/2018 Ind. & Com(Vigil) Dept. Dt.26.02.2020.
6. From the Director General, Anticorruption Bureau, A.P. Vijayawada, Rc.No.32/RCT-WVP/2018-S.11, Dated:23.03.2020.

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Whereas, Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar worked as Surveyor, O/o the Asst. Director, Mines & Geology, Ushodaya Junction, M.V.P. Colony, Visakhapatnam from 10.09.2008 to 23.02.2018. By virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. And whereas, Sri Danaboyina Neelakanta Rao, Quarry business, is a resident of Chinatadi Village, Paravada (M), Visakhapatnam district. He had applied on 11-04-2011 for lease of gravel quarry in an area of 2 hectares in survey No.418 of Ravada Village, Paravada Mandal, Visakhapatnam District to the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Visakhapatnam. On 08-11-2011, he also applied for lease of gravel quarry in an area of 38 Acres in the same survey number along with survey map, affidavit and challan for Rs.1,500/- as application fee for each application. About two months before the date of submitting this complaint, he came to know about the enhancement of challan fee. Accordingly, he paid Rs.20,000/- for the first application and Rs.1,50,000/- for the second application. Later he came to know through the other applicants viz. Sri A.L. Mahesh Kumar and Sri Reka Rama Rao that they had received intimation letters from Assistant Director, Mines and Geology, Visakhapatnam to attend for the survey on 28-02-2018. On 21-02-2018 at about 03.00 P.M., he went to the O/o the A.D., Mines and Geology, Visakhapatnam and asked the Surveyor Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar about the status of his pending application. Then, the surveyor Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar informed him that an intimation letter was dispatched to him and there was every chance for him to get the lease as he was the first applicant. The Surveyor further informed him that the survey map submitted by him was not clear and it needed to be rectified. For forwarding that survey report, the surveyor Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar demanded an amount of Rs.50,000/- as bribe. The surveyor categorically told him that the lease application filed by him would be rejected for lack of correct map if he does not pay the bribe. So saying, the surveyor asked him to bring the demanded bribe amount within one or two days and pay the bribe amount at his office. On 22.02.2018, he again approached the surveyor him from the O/o AD, Mines & Geology to attend the survey on 28.02.2018 and asked him about the sanction of lease proposals pertaining to his two applications. Then the surveyor informed him that he would get the lease on 02 hectors of gravel quarry pertaining to his first application and the surveyor reiterated his demand of Rs.50,000/- as bribe. He requested the

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surveyor to reduce the bribe. But the surveyor reiterated his earlier demand and asked him to pay the demanded bribe to him or to the person suggested by him at his office on 23.02.2018.

3. And Whereas, as Sri Danaboyina Neelakanta Rao was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount to Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar, Surveyor, he attended the office of the Deputy Supdt. of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam and gave a report on 22- 02-2018 at 16.30 hrs. for taking necessary action.

4. And whereas, after due verification of genuineness of report and reputation of D. Murali Krishna Ambedkar, Surveyor, O/o Assistant Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam, the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range registered the report of Sri Danaboyina Neelakanta Rao as a case in Cr.No.04/RCT-VSP/2018 U/s 7 of PC Act, 1988 of ACB, Visakhapatnam Range, Visakhapatnam on 23.02.2018 at 09.15 and took up investigation.

5. And whereas, during the course of trap on 23.02.2018 at about 11.30 hrs, Sri D. Murali Krishna Ambedkar was caught red handed when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.50,000/- from Sri Danaboyina Neelakanta Rao at his office room situated at the office of the Assistant Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam for doing official favour to rectify the map and to issue of favourable survey report after inspection in survey No.418 of Ravada (V), Paravada (M), Visakhapatnam on 28-02-2018 for grant of gravel quarry lease. Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar pulled right side upper drawer of his office table and asked Sri Danaboyina Neelakanta Rao to keep the said amount of Rs.50,000/- in it and Sri D. Neelakanta Rao did accordingly, then Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar pushed the said wad of currency notes with his right hand and closed his table drawer. The fingers of right hand when tested in sodium carbonate solution turned in to pink colour. The tainted currency was recovered from the office table drawer of Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar at his instance and the same were compared with the serial numbers already mentioned in the pre-trap proceedings and found them tallied. The chemical wash of upper portion of paper available in the right side Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar’s office table drawer on which the tainted cash (that came in contact with the tainted amount) yielded positive results when subjected to chemical test. The resultant solutions were transferred into separate glass bottles, sealed, labeled and attested by mediators and the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam. The tainted amount of Rs.50,000/- connected records and material objects were seized by the DSP, ACB, under cover of Mediators Report II.

6. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar, Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam constitute offences punishable under section 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar, Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam from the Government service after fully and carefully examining the materials placed before the Government in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar, Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam should be prosecuted in a Court of law for the aforesaid offences.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act, 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Dadala Murali Krishna Ambedkar, Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director, Mines & Geology, Visakhapatnam for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and subsection (2) of section 13 read

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with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provision of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid act and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
PNBS, Vijayawada, AP.